



## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE MAY NOT BE CONSIDERED BY HOUSE

Action Recommended by Special Committee

MEMBERS INDIGNANT

Resolution Accompany's Report to Decline Any Message That is Not Respectful

CONGRESS WILL DECIDE

The Question Will Doubtless be Investigated by Congress and Such Action as May Seem to be in Public Interest.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 8.—Having given consideration to the President's further views regarding the secret service, contained in his message to the House of Representatives last Monday, the special committee appointed to deal with the subject today brought in its final report.

Accompanying it was a resolution which declared it to be the sense of the House that it shall decline to consider any communication from any source which is not respectful, recommending that the objectionable portion of the President's annual message be laid on the table and that similar action be taken with respect to the message of last Monday because of its being "Unresponsive to the inquiry of the House," as to what the President means when he says, referring to the limitation placed upon the field of operations of the secret service, that the Chief "Argument in favor of the provision was that the congressmen did not themselves wish to be investigated."

When Chairman Perkins of New York, of the special committee, arose to make his report, he faced an almost full membership while the galleries were packed with interested spectators. Messrs. Tawney, Smith of Iowa; Sherry and Fitzgerald were on the floor prepared by word of mouth, to resent what they deemed to be the insinuations of the President upon them as members of the committee on appropriations. They were not alone in their indignation. Indeed for some time past the feelings of the members had been growing more and more intense and some of them have been giving way to their sentiments in language which fully testified to their wounded pride.

Mr. Perkins addressed the House as follows:

"To your committee were referred certain passages contained in the annual message of the President. We

message that the chief argument in favor of the provision was that the Congressmen did not themselves wish to be investigated can have but one meaning. It means that Congress voted for the measure from an improper motive. Any Congressman whose vote can be determined by unwillingness to have his own conduct investigated by secret service men, or by any other men, must surely be in fear of the law. It is well believed that the majority of this body were in fear that their acts might be investigated and their crimes discovered, the respect of the people, which it is important for the Republic that Congress should possess, would be impaired if not destroyed.

"It is dangerous to the republic that a large portion of our people should have their confidence shaken in the judges who interpret the laws; equally dangerous that their confidence should be impaired in those who enact the laws and it is for this reason that the duty evolves upon the lawmakers not to allow the integrity of their motives to be lightly questioned. We may be sure that no legislative body will be respected by the people unless it respects itself. We are jealous of the honor of the nation; we should be equally jealous of the honor of our institutions.

"Doubtless in the Congress are sometimes found unfit and dishonest men, but I believe that with few exceptions the body is composed of men of integrity, whose vote is determined not by fear of the police, but by an honest regard for the public service. If the time should ever come when a majority of the chosen representatives of the American people were so unfit for their trust; that their votes were controlled by a craven fear of the detection of their crimes, then surely the republic will have come upon evil days and the failure of popular government will be demonstrated.

"The people of this country have

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## NORTHERN PACIFIC IS SNOW BOUND

WORST SNOWSTORM SINCE 1887 IS REPORTED IN WESTERN MONTANA.

38 BELOW AT GARRISON

Four Cars of Cattle Are Threatened by Cold With Death—Two Passengers and Two Freighters Are Snow-Bound.

BUTTE, Jan. 8.—One of the worst snowstorms since 1887 is reported in Western Montana tonight. At Missoula the snow is more than two feet deep with indications that the storm will continue for another 24 hours. Two Northern Pacific passenger trains and two freighters are snow-bound. Four cars of cattle are threatened with death.

## SALOON ISSUE AGAIN AT MEDFORD

COUNCIL FIXES LICENSE AT \$800 PER ANNUM—CITY ELECTION SOON

MEDFORD, Or., Jan. 8.—The city council has fixed the saloon license in Medford at \$800 per annum. Both the Prohibitionists and the anti-liquorists are up for the approaching town election, and from present indications it will be very close between the two factions. A close canvass is being made, and the Tribune, advocating license, and the Mail, a Prohibition journal, are lining up the populace. Good men have been named in each ward on both tickets, the contest for mayor being between J. A. Perry, of the Fruitgrowers Union, anti-saloon, and United States Commissioner Cannon as the license candidate. Both are strong men.

## PRESIDENT HAS COLD FACTS

Makes Public, Tillman's Land Grab Dealings

SENATOR KEEPS MUM

Roosevelt Sends Letters of Convincing Evidence Showing Tillman's Schemes

BOUGHT MUCH LAND HIMSELF

President Quotes From Letters Between Tillman and His Agent Lee, Asking to Have the Best Land For Him.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 8.—President Roosevelt tonight made public details of the investigation by post-office inspectors and secret service agents of Senator Tillman's connection with alleged "land grab" in Oregon.

Senator Tillman did not permit the fact that the President was giving out charges against him to alter his determination to make no statement until Monday. No effort was made by him to conceal the fact that he had learned of the charges and that he had made an effort to obtain portions for himself and family, but declared that at the most he could have gotten possession of only a few hundred acres, his efforts were after all, in behalf of the public and not specifically in his own interest. Immediately after conclusion of Chaplain's prayer Monday, Tillman will ask recognition of the chair on the question of personal privilege. Departing from his custom, he will read his statement.

The communication, which is to Senator Hale, is entirely 3000 words long and in addition there is appended numerous exhibits, including copies of letters written by Tillman and his agent, W. E. Lee, that show they did make an effort to secure a quarter section of the Oregon land and the report of postoffice inspectors who investigated the transaction of land agents. It was through this investigation that the alleged interest of Tillman was brought to light and at his instigation the inquiry was begun. The president says that he should be obliged to Congress for information lending to show that secret service has been used as a "police of morals" to shadowing senators, congressmen and other public officials.

The president says that Tillman called the attention of the Senate to a circular of a syndicate in Oregon offering the sale of lands, particularly those in Coos and Douglas counties, in Oregon, which had been granted to corporations, by the government, the circular stating that the company in possession of them, refused to sell them according to the terms of the agreement, and that among those who have spoken for a part of the land was Senator Tillman.

The president says that Tillman denied the statements in the circular; that Tillman had not bought or tried to buy any land in Oregon, and that he wanted the people to note "That this swindler at Portland has no warrant whatsoever for endeavoring to investigate others into his game."

The president then says he encloses a circular referred to the inspector's report, and photographic fac-similes of letters imposed, and telegrams from Tillman and his agent, W. E. Lee, as exhibits. The president says that it appears that Tillman wrote letters to Reeder and Watkins of Marshfield, Oregon, who were the attorneys representing the people who were applicants for the purpose of obtaining a certain wagon road, land grant; Door was agent, making his filings through Reeder and Watkins. Tillman, in the course of his letter, said: "I wired you from Waukena, Wis., as follows and write to confirm it. William A. Lee, my agent, will

see you about the land. I want nine quarters reserved. Will forward signed applications and money at once. Members of my family are entymen. Letter follows."

Tillman adds that he wired Lee to go to Marshfield and see about locating the land. Then Lee, the president goes on, wrote to Reeder and Watkins, telling them that he had advised Tillman that it was a "good gamble." The president says Lee's letter continued:

"In case Tillman goes in on this deal, with some good land in eight quarters, we want, I am satisfied that he can be of great help in getting matters started from Washington and cause the government to get busy and do something along the line you desire. He will set up such a howl that it will be impossible to do otherwise. This will be very important for your whole scheme to have a man of his influence here to aid you at this end of the line. By all means have a lot of good land for us as we intend to be of more value than any one of the others in this matter."

The President adds that this letter was written just four days before he announced in the Senate that he had not undertaken to buy any land in the West.

## SAN FRANCISCO LATEST MURDER ITEM

POLICE OFFICIAL IS SHOT TO DEATH BY A DRUNKEN AND COWARDLY SOLDIER.

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 8.—Sergeant Anton J. F. Nolting, one of the oldest and most popular officers of the San Francisco police department was shot and killed at 2 o'clock by Thomas Jordan, a private of the coast artillery, whom he was attempting to arrest with two of his comrades, who were creating a disturbance in a saloon at the corner of Washington and Kearney Streets.

The three soldiers were acting boisterously in the saloon and they were ordered to leave the place by Nolting. When the trio had reached the corner of Clay and Montgomery Streets a shot was fired and the Sergeant followed them and accused Jordan of having a gun in his possession. The soldiers replied by knocking the officer into the gutter and while he lay there partially stunned a shot was fired into his side. From a recumbent position the wounded officer fired several shots at his fleeing assailants and then staggered after them for a block before he fell, unconscious. The bullet from the soldier's revolver severed the kidney and Nolting died from the hemorrhage before he could be removed to the Harbor Emergency Hospital. Two of the soldiers giving the names of Thomas Jordan and Richard O'Connor were arrested at once and the third, who refused to give his name, was later taken to the central emergency hospital suffering from a slight injury. Several eye witnesses have identified Jordan as the man who fired the fatal shot, and they are equally positive that the other two were his companions.

Sergeant Nolting leaves a wife, who is critically ill.

## CHICAGO THUGS MAKE BRUTAL ASSAULT

VICTIM IS THOUGHT TO BE A WESTERN MINING MAN IN CRITICAL CONDITION

CHICAGO, Jan. 8.—Strapped to a cot in a hospital, raving in delirium and suffering from a double fracture of the skull and hemorrhages of the brain, lies an unidentified man of apparent wealth and refinement, who was robbed, beaten and left unconscious in the zero cold of Wednesday night. It was believed he might be Walter Scott, the Death Valley miner, who was a guest at a local hotel recently with a man of the name of Campbell. He left some days ago, and his whereabouts since are unknown.

The police admit that all indications in the case point at a brutal attempt at murder.

## KARINEN DEFEATS CARNEY AND SCHMIDT ALSO IN

WARSHIPS LEAVE SMYRNA

BEIRUT, Syria, Jan. 8.—The United States battleship Louisiana and Virginia, under command of Acting Rear-Admiral Schrader, arrived here today and left immediately for Smyrna, Turkey, in consequence of the plague which prevails here.

TAFT AND KNOX PLAY.

AUGUSTA, Ga., Jan. 8.—The President-elect, with his Secretary of State, Mr. Knox, played a game of golf and spent the remainder of the day in conference on the make-up of the Taft Cabinet. No political callers came today.

GETS COLD WAVE.

ROSEBURG, Or., Jan. 8.—Snow is falling heavily and the barometer has begun to fall. The local observer at the Weather Bureau forecasts a continuance of snow tonight and Saturday, with a cold wave.

RIVER THIRD FULL OF ICE.

RAINIER, Or., Jan. 8.—It is freezing at Rainier and the river is a third full of ice, which makes navigation dangerous.

IDENTIFIES CORPSE.

PORT HURON, Mich., Jan. 8.—Dr. Charles W. Bowler, dentist of St. Clair, this afternoon positively identified two of the teeth found in the stove of the Battle Run Methodist church as part of the set he manufactured for Gideon Browning, the missing carpenter from Adair.

## EX-SENATOR TURNER IS AMERICAN CONSUL

ENGAGE TO ARBITRATE DISPUTE BETWEEN AMERICA AND GREAT BRITAIN.

IS APPOINTED BY ROOT

Is Thought the Case Will go Before the Hague Next Summer—Turner Helped Settle Alaska Boundary Disputed With Root.

SPOKANE, Jan. 8.—Washington special to the Spokesman-Review says Secretary Root has engaged ex-Senator Turner of Spokane with others to serve as American counsel which is to arbitrate the long standing dispute between this country and Great Britain. It is thought the case will go before the tribunal at the Hague, next summer. The selection of Turner grew out of Root's association with him in the arbitration which settled the Alaska boundary dispute.

## GOVERNOR HANLY GIVES WARNING

Warns Saloonmen That County Option Law Will be Enforced the Limit

INDIANAPOLIS, Jan. 8.—"I am aware there are some who already have advocated the county option law's appeal, but I beg to remind all those who contemplate its repeal that it is the liveliest wire in the present machinery of this commonwealth and is charged with enough electricity to electrify the party that repeals it."

In these words Governor Frank Hanly, in his final message to the Legislature of Indiana, delivered today, closed his appeal in behalf of temperance, offering figures tending to show that a majority of crime, pauperism, epilepsy and poverty are due to alcohol.

\$200,000 STOLEN.

PARIS, Jan. 8.—A mail sack containing bonds worth \$200,000 was stolen from a delivery wagon in the Chausse Dantim in dead daylight tonight. The police have not the slightest clue to the thieves.

## NO RELIEF FROM COLD PROMISED

Tacoma and Seattle are Under 9 Inches of Snow Portland May Have Fuel Famine

PORTLAND, Jan. 8.—Colder weather indefinitely prolonged is the prediction of Forecaster Beals of the weather bureau. But little more snow is expected. Conditions tonight are: Tacoma and Seattle are under a nine-inch mantle of snow, there is plenty of fuel but a shortage of means to deliver it. Street cars are running without interruption and schools continue their sessions. Portland has a foot of snow on the ground. Street cars have resumed service, there is plenty of fuel on hand to satisfy present needs, but fears are expressed if the cold spell is prolonged. The schools are closed.

Gray's Harbor has had the first sleighing in many years.

The middle Columbia is slowly freezing over. At Vancouver the shore of ice extends 400 feet from the littoral.

Floating ice which jammed yesterday at Warrior Rock a few miles below the Willamette has grounded and by tomorrow night it will probably have banked up half a dozen feet above the water level, from shore to shore.

The steamer Senator left here late tonight, but although she has a reputation as an ice-breaker, doubt is expressed of her getting to Astoria.

East of the Cascades the temperature hangs around zero.

At Walla Walla it is four below zero.